

# Reflections from Our Alumni..

## Timeless Bonds and Lasting Impact



*This booklet brings together the heartfelt journeys and accomplishments of alumni from Ram Lal Anand College, who have left indelible marks in diverse fields after completing their education here. Spanning over four decades—from the 1980s to the recent 2024 graduating batch—these alumni testimonials represent a broad spectrum of disciplines, including Arts, Science, Commerce and Management, with graduates from English, Microbiology, Hindi, Statistics, History, Geology, Political Science, Computer Science, Mathematics, and more. Each story is a tribute to the foundation they built at Ram Lal Anand College, an institution that became not just a stepping stone, but a place that inspired dreams, honed skills, and nurtured resilience. Our alumni have gone on to achieve milestones in a variety of professions. Some are distinguished entrepreneurs and industry leaders, successfully running their own companies. Others have dedicated their lives to public service, serving in the armed forces, higher-level government services, media, judiciary or working within the corridors of bureaucracy. Many have chosen academia, molding the next generation of learners as faculties and researchers at prestigious colleges and universities. Some have advanced their studies at world-renowned institutions in India and abroad, carrying forward the intellectual rigor and curiosity they developed within our classrooms.*

*Beyond these impressive achievements, each testimonial speaks to the sense of nostalgia and gratitude that our alumni feel for their college years. They recount memories of classroom learnings that sparked new ideas, the camaraderie with classmates that turned into lifelong friendships, and the mentors whose guidance shaped their values and ambitions. They remember the excitement of participating in co-curricular activities—debating passionately, staging theater performances, performing music, writing creatively, capturing moments through photography, and leading college societies. Our alumni didn't just excel academically; they also thrived through involvement in initiatives like NSS, NCC, the Equal Opportunity Cell, and numerous departmental societies, where they learned leadership, collaboration, and empathy.*



## Memories & Reflections



*The pages that follow brim with tales of excursions and field trips, from educational tours to research fieldwork that took them beyond the classroom, allowing them to engage deeply with their disciplines and see the world through new lenses. In these stories, you'll hear about the joys of college festivals, the unity forged at freshers' parties and farewells, and the many competitions that stirred a healthy spirit of challenge. From the exhilarating sports meets to the unforgettable moments in the college canteen, each memory is a fragment of the vibrant mosaic that is college life at Ram Lal Anand College. Our alumni share how these experiences have been instrumental in their lives.*

*The opportunities for collective learning, be it through spirited discussions in the library or collaborative projects, instilled a commitment to lifelong learning. Classroom lessons extended to real-world applications, preparing them to navigate and contribute meaningfully to the world. The support of dedicated faculties and the unique culture of our college—a blend of academic rigor and open-minded exploration—helped them develop into well-rounded individuals ready to pursue ambitious paths.*

*In these glimpses, one can see the essence of Ram Lal Anand College: a place where education goes beyond textbooks, where bonds are built to last, and where each student is encouraged to find and follow their own path. These testimonials not only celebrate the accomplishments of our alumni but also serve as a living testament to the impact our college has had on shaping compassionate leaders, innovators, and change-makers. This collection is a source of inspiration for future generations, reminding us all of the enduring power of community, mentorship, and the shared journey of learning and growth.*



# Ms. Monisha Singh

*Ms. Monisha Singh (1989-1992)  
B.Sc. (Hons) Microbiology)  
Senior Principal, Alcor Solutions, Inc*



*I was in the first batch of Microbiology Honors in 1989. Initially, we did not have classrooms and were taught in the conference room adjacent to the Principal's office. By the end of the 1st year, we had new classrooms and new professors. Each of those professors had a very lasting impact on me and got me to love the subject and progress into doing a Master's in Microbiology. Some professors who I want to call out are Dr. Sudha Chaudhary (she was our Head of Department), Dr. Sarojini Verma (who is in the US), Dr. Dinesh Goyal (he is at Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology) and Dr. Rakesh Gupta (current Principal of RLA College).*

*In our times we did not have many extracurricular activities or societies that we could be part of. My advice to students of today is to enjoy what you are doing every day. Enjoy the subject or area that you are specializing in. If you don't enjoy it, then change and pursue what you like to do. Work is more enjoyable if you like what you are doing.*





# Mr. Sidharth Mishra

*Mr. Sidharth Mishra, 1996-1999,  
BA (Hons.) History  
CEO & Co-Founder  
RTD Global HR, Chennai*



*As they say, well begun is half done, we had a great start to our university life in the first year. We had a very knowledgeable and accessible Prof. Rakesh Kumar, who made it really rigorous for us. This early focus on rigor and discipline stayed with me for the rest of my university days and beyond. I had limited exposure to extracurricular activities at the College as I had to travel far for my classes at the college so had limited time after classes. From second year onwards, I also started to spend time in North Campus University library to supplement our library resources. My advice to all current students will be to focus on maximizing their opportunities at the college- from getting the best out of their professors by their sincere focus on their academics.*

*All extracurricular activities will help them build resilience and time management, which will help greatly later in life for their work-life balance. But most importantly, always remember that you can excel from anywhere based on your own hard work. During our college days, two of us from college were Delhi University 1st and 3rd Rank holders for BA (Hons) in History.*

# Dr. Chandra Prakash Prasad

*Dr. Chandra Prakash Prasad  
(1997-2000)*

*B. Sc (Hons) Microbiology*

*PhD, PGDBA, FSLSc*

*Additional Professor,*

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*After completing my Class XII in Vadodara, I enrolled in the B.Sc. (Hons) Microbiology course at RLA, Delhi University in 1997. Initially, I had doubts about whether I had chosen the right path. However, during the first year, with the guidance of dedicated faculty and the hands-on experience gained through intensive lab work, I gradually developed a deeper understanding and appreciation for the subject. By the end of the first year, my enthusiasm for microbiology had solidified. The academic environment and the personal and professional support provided by the faculty were crucial to the success of my studies. Throughout the three years, I performed well academically and was also part of the college soccer team, where we won a silver medal at the intra-RLA sports meet. The Microbiology Department at RLA not only offered excellent academic training but also ensured overall personal development. After finishing my undergraduate degree, I pursued an M.Biotech course at AIIMS, New Delhi, which eventually led me to undertake a Ph.D. jointly at AIIMS and IP University Delhi in cancer biology. My research journey took me to Sweden, where I spent 6.5 years—first as a postdoctoral researcher and then as junior faculty at the Translational Medicine Department of Lund University.*

*During my time in Sweden, I contributed to the development of a novel 'WNT5A mimicking' FOXY5 peptide, which is currently in Phase II clinical trials in Europe for the treatment of colon and breast cancers. In 2016, I returned to AIIMS, New Delhi, as a permanent faculty member in the Department of Medical Oncology. Currently, I lead the 'Cancer Metabolism & Therapeutics' lab, where I mentor postgraduate and Ph.D. students. Reflecting on my journey, I truly believe that the foundation I received at RLA was instrumental in shaping my future. The education, support, and opportunities I experienced there not only launched my career but also gave me the confidence and skills to make meaningful contributions to cancer research and treatment.*



# Dr. Dhurjjati Sarma

Dr. Dhurjjati Sarma (2003-06)  
B.A (Hons) English  
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Languages and Literary Studies,  
Gauhati University, Assam, India



I was a student of BA (Hons) English in Ram Lal Anand College from 2003 to 2006, and those three years were highly significant in terms of facilitating my early steps into the wide world of academics. Coming from a city located at the periphery of mainland India—Guwahati—it did not seem easy finding one's feet in a metropolitan space like New Delhi, particularly for someone like me who had hardly ever ventured out of Assam in the preceding eighteen years of life. However, right from the moment I stepped into the red-brick classroom, I felt increasingly assured and confident of making the most of this opportunity life had given me. As a student slowly getting initiated into the variegated experientialities of English Literature, I was fortunate in having these teachers—Dr. Alpana Neogy, Dr. Neerja M. Chand, Dr. D.K. Pabby, Mr. G.R. Taneja, Ms. Poonam A. Kumar, Ms. Revathy Venkatraman, Dr. G.N. Saibaba, Dr. Parmod Kumar Mehra, Dr. Gautam Chakrabarti, and Ms. Neelam Gulati—who encouraged their students to approach the subject not just as a means of climbing up the ladder of academic achievements, but more importantly as an avenue for opening up infinite possibilities to look anew at the larger questions and concerns of life around us. Moving into early adulthood, I was inspired to fashion a more nuanced understanding of my selfhood—one that recognised the necessity of 'looking inwards'—of prioritising the peace and contentment of the inner self over the fulfilment of worldly endeavours. This is the philosophy of life I learned at college, and I still vow my adherence to the very soul and sanctity of this thought.

I was associated with various societies of the college, including the Debating and Quiz Society (DQS), and the very experience of engaging—in my own capacities—with the best orators of the University of Delhi through various events and competitions was instrumental in sharpening my own skills as a future teacher and an academic speaker. It was by no means an easy accomplishment on my part; in fact, there were frequent instances of breaking down in the midst of speaking, of being beaten and bested by more equipped rivals and batchmates. I look back to those days now with a feeling of immense peace and gratitude—those rigours toughened me and allowed me to have a clear understanding of my own limitations. Twenty years down the line, to this day, I have continued to believe in the fact that a person's success lies not merely in knowing his/her areas of strength, but more importantly in recognising (and accepting) where he/she tends to fall short. The three years of my life spent at RLAC provided many occasions for exercising my skills in literary and academic pursuits, and also engaging in various activities requiring me to assume managerial and coordinating responsibilities. Such valuable learning experiences—straddling the spaces both within and outside the classroom—have gone a long way in making my college days at RLAC worthwhile in all aspects, most notably in helping me become a rounded, mature individual over these years, dealing positively with the many vicissitudes of life outside the college campus.

# Ms. Sujata Guha

*Sujata Guha (2003-06) B.Sc  
(Hons) Statistics  
Statistician and Independent  
Business Consultant*



*My tenure at RLA College was of considerable significance to both my workplace and my future. The BSc Statistics curriculum was rigorous, which not only equipped me with a strong foundation in analytical skills but also fostered critical thinking and problem-solving aptitudes. The faculty was incredibly supportive and invested in our education, frequently transcending the limitations of textbooks to relate concepts to real-life scenarios. This practical approach has proven invaluable in my work life, as it has assisted me in cultivating a powerful analytical mindset. In addition, my involvement in the department's leadership, first as Vice President and then as President, contributed to the development of my leadership and organizational abilities, which in turn prepared me for a variety of professional difficulties. Participating in events and initiatives outside the classroom helped me develop soft skills such as teamwork, communication, and adaptability. Engaging with peers from different backgrounds fostered a sense of community and open-mindedness. These experiences not only shaped my personality but also instilled a sense of confidence, which continues to benefit me in my professional endeavors.*

*For current students at RLA College, I would recommend embracing the full spectrum of opportunities available. Here are a few key points to consider:*

- Actively participate in extracurricular activities, clubs, and societies.*
- While academics are crucial, don't overlook the importance of extracurriculars.*
- Approach your studies with curiosity and a desire to learn beyond the syllabus.*
- Foster connections with faculty and peers.*
- Acknowledge the dedication and effort that teachers put into your education.*
- Take risks by trying new things, whether it's a new hobby or a different role in the department.*
- Embrace the diversity of backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives within your college community.*



# Mr. Soumyadeep Maiti

*Soumyadeep Maiti (2004-2007)  
B.Sc. (Hons.) Statistics  
Director of Data Science,  
AI consulting company, USA*



*I had the privilege of studying Statistics at RLA College from 2004-2007. I am currently Director of Data Science at an AI consulting company in the USA, and I want to express my deep gratitude to the institution, particularly the esteemed professors of the Statistics Department, for their pivotal role in shaping my career.*

*Reflecting on my time at RLA, three key aspects significantly contributed to my professional growth:*

*I was fortunate to study under Professors Seema Gupta, Rajesh Sachdeva, Mukta Dutta, Rita Jain, Chaman Sir, Seema Joshi, and Nina Mittal. Their clarity in teaching core statistical concepts, along with their patience and openness for further discussion, allowed me to build a strong foundation. This knowledge has been invaluable throughout my career, especially as I transitioned into advanced fields like machine learning and data science. Special thanks to Seema Gupta ma'am, Rajesh sir, Rita Jain, and Mukta ma'am for their patience for students like me. The support I received extended far beyond classroom learning. I was involved in sports, reaching the finals in football and cricket, and helped organize the first Statistics festival, "Random Walk." Additionally, I was allowed extra hours for computer practical's, which enhanced my collaborative and leadership abilities. These experiences played a crucial role in shaping my career trajectory. I was also encouraged to explore interdisciplinary subjects like Mathematical Economics, which broadened my understanding of the applications of statistics.*

*Collaborative Learning Environment: The camaraderie and healthy competition among my peers contributed to a rich, collaborative learning environment. The exchange of diverse ideas and perspectives greatly influenced my personal and academic growth during my time at RLA. To the current students, I offer this advice: embrace the diversity of your experiences, focus on building a strong foundation, and seek learning opportunities beyond the classroom. The skills you acquire now—both technical and interpersonal—will significantly shape your future career. Once again, I extend my heartfelt thanks to RLA College and the entire Statistics Department for their unwavering support. I owe a significant part of my success to your guidance.*



# Ms. Sweta Puppet

*Sweta Puppet, (2004-07) B.Sc  
(Hons) Statistics  
Assistant Vice-President,  
Unsecured Credit Risk, HSBC, USA*



*Pursuing B.Sc. Hons Statistics from RLA college was one of the best choices for my future career. Teachers and their knowledge helped us to build our base of Statistics which really helped me during my Masters in Statistics too.*

*I firmly believe that my education at RLA College has helped me reach where I am today. Teachers like - Seema Gupta, Rita Jain, Rajesh Sachdev, Mukta Dutta and Seema Joshi have really helped us to build our career and also make us a better person in our life.*

*My only advice to current and future students of RLA college is to have a disciplined life of attending all classes, regular study at home/library and asking questions to teachers will help you to enhance your knowledge and build a strong base of Statistics. I wish all the best to current and future students of RLA College and wish them success in their life.*

# Ms. Kshitija Sharma

*Kshitija Sharma (2005-08), B.A.  
Hons English  
Marketing & Communications  
Specialist,  
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Flydocs, a subsidiary of Lufthansa  
Technik.*



*I feel privileged to have studied at RLA College, Delhi University under the esteemed leadership and great faculty of Ms. Alpana Neogy, Dr. Revathy Venkatraman, Ms. Punam, Late Dr. Gulshan Taneja, Dr. Gautam and Prof. GN Sai Baba. Having studied English Literature in this college has empowered me with a great level of confidence, knowledge and wisdom as the academic years were not only about gaining knowledge from books but it was also about the growing years in which we students were polished and taught the rights and wrongs of a grown-up individual. I remember my time when we had a strict routine of classes, rarely did we know that any Professors got delayed or absent from the classes which taught me as a woman to be disciplined, committed and faithful to the education I received. I learnt the classic way of speaking the English language with the right approach and throw of words, all thanks to my Professors at RLA. I learnt new words, difficult terminologies and literature of the Victorian era which I would have never known until my Graduation years. And the one last thing which I started liking (which I learnt only after Graduation) was the texture of books. I started reading novels which I otherwise never read in my school days which then eventually became a hobby I truly value to date.*

*Well, at my time back then there were limited extracurricular activities like football, cultural society including dance & music band and a fabulous library that I remember. We were a small group of three close friends who used to watch football matches often as that brought some change & fresh air leading us to the college grounds. I was a part of the choreography group that built up confidence in me by bringing me on the stage, dancing in front of the whole college and most importantly I enjoyed what I was most passionate about. I was also a part of the music band (which few of us almost created at that time) as a drummer and that helped me channel my energies syncing with my musical instincts as well. Then of course, after our classes ended in the afternoon, we three used to walk a lot within the campus and outside to Satya Niketan to eat as we all were foodies, played a game of pool at times, used to commute in local blue line or DTC buses back home, which of course also helped me grow & develop into a confident, independent and a young woman that I am today. So, a lot of credit for life learning also goes to the life beyond our regular classrooms. My little advice to current students; learn yourselves, fall & rise yourselves. My experiences tell, enjoy, enjoy, enjoy. That is THE most important stage of your life which of course you must spend on studying and doing well but do not forget to enjoy it too. This time of your life will never come back, I was told exactly this by my elders and these are true, these are golden words, I say it now live this time to the fullest, enjoy as much as you can, make friends for life, stay true to yourself and everything will fall in place.*



# Dr. Arun Kumar Singh

Dr. Arun Kumar Singh (2010-13)  
BA Hons Political Science  
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*I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to my undergraduate teachers at Ram Lal Anand College, with special thanks to Dr. Alankar, whose influence marked a turning point in my life. Looking back on my college days at RLA, I vividly remember being an underconfident and shy student sitting at the back of the classroom during my first year. Coming from the small town of Amethi after completing my intermediate studies in science, I found myself at RLA College almost by accident, pursuing a B.A. (Hons.) in Political Science with no clear direction for my academic career. In those early days, I felt like a misfit in the social sciences, struggling to relate to the classroom activities. What initially seemed like an alien subject has now become incredibly dear to me, shaping both my academic orientation and my passion. Today, as I completed my Ph.D. and teach Political Science at a postgraduate college, I can directly attribute my journey to the constant guidance and motivation provided by the esteemed faculty at RLA. Dr. Alankar's passionate, engaging teaching style and pedagogy of hope rekindled my interest in Political Science and made the subject come alive for me. I am profoundly grateful for his support, which has left an indelible mark on my life and career.*

*Additionally, the opportunity to engage with peers from diverse backgrounds and cultures at RLA College enriched my understanding and greatly enhanced my adaptability.*

*To the students of today, I offer this advice: actively engage in the classroom, explore extracurricular activities like NCC, NSS, poetics society and the dramatics society, and stay open to new experiences. Embrace a growth mind-set, remain curious, and approach challenges as opportunities for growth.*

# Mr. Ram Kishore

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रामलाल आनंद कॉलेज में बिताए गए दिन मेरे जीवन के सबसे यादगार दिनों में से एक हैं। यह सिर्फ मेरे लिए पढ़ाई की जगह नहीं थी, बल्कि एक ऐसा माहौल था जिसने मेरे भविष्य को एक मजबूत नींव दी। जी हां, कॉलेज में मिली शिक्षा ने मेरे जीवन को एक नई दिशा दी। यहां मैंने न केवल अपने विषय के बारे में जाना, बल्कि पढ़ने का एक नया अंदाज भी सीखा। शिक्षकों का मार्गदर्शन और प्रोत्साहन मेरे लिए हमेशा प्रेरणा का स्रोत रहा। विशेष रूप से, अलंकार सर की क्लासेस ने मुझ पर गहरा प्रभाव डाला। उन्होंने हमें सिखाया कि शिक्षा सिर्फ परीक्षा पास करने का माध्यम नहीं है, बल्कि जीवन भर सीखने की एक प्रक्रिया है। इस कॉलेज ने मुझे अच्छे साथी भी दिए, जिनसे बहुत कुछ सीखने को मिला। वहीं सोसाइटीज और सामुदायिक गतिविधियों में भाग लेकर मुझे न सिर्फ अपने आत्मविश्वास को बढ़ाने में मदद मिली, बल्कि समाज सेवा के असली मायने भी समझने का मौका मिला। और हां, कॉलेज के बाहर भी हमेशा कुछ न कुछ चलता रहता था, कभी फेस्टिवल, कभी कल्चरल प्रोग्राम। तो बोर होने का तो सवाल ही नहीं उठता था!

आज के छात्रों को मैं यही कहना चाहूंगा कि वह कॉलेज के जीवन का खुलकर जिएं और खुद को सिर्फ किताबों तक सीमित न रखें, बल्कि विभिन्न गतिविधियों में भी भाग लें। नए लोगों से मिलें और नए अनुभव प्राप्त करें। कॉलेज के दिन आपके जीवन के सबसे यादगार दिन हो सकते हैं, इसलिए इनका पूरा लुत्फ उठाएं। याद रखें, कॉलेज सिर्फ डिग्री लेने की जगह नहीं है बल्कि एक ऐसा मंच है जहां आप अपने व्यक्तित्व का विकास कर सकते हैं और अपने भविष्य के लिए मजबूत नींव रख सकते हैं। अंत में यही कहना चाहूंगा कि RLA हमेशा मेरे दिल के करीब रहेगा। यह एक ऐसा स्थान है जहां मैंने बहुत कुछ सीखा और अच्छे दोस्त बनाए। मैं आप सभी को शुभकामनाएं देता हूँ और चाहता हूँ कि आप भी कॉलेज के दिनों का पूरा आनंद लें और अपनी जिंदगी को एक नई दिशा दें!



# Mr. Aditya Tripathi

*Aditya Tripathi (2011-14)  
BA Hons History  
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*The most transformative, enriching and essential experience in my life was my time spent at RLA College. Contrary to the family and school education where everything I learnt was in a protected environment, College education exposed me to a completely different challenging world.*

*The key aspect at RLA College has to be the one-to-one contact that we students had with our professors. It was a privilege to be guided by the experienced faculty members on aspects beyond course syllabus. Away from home and families, our teachers helped us to become better human being in our journey of self-discovery. I believe this atmosphere and the diverse student community at the college shaped me into a confident, resilient and emotionally intelligent person.*

*As a dynamic and developing institute RLA provided me an opportunity to improve my social skills without any toxic or intense competition. At RLA instead of focusing on how we can outperform and beat fellow students in different activities, our focus always was on how we can improve as a lot. This has helped me to be a compassionate, grateful and creative individual.*

*I wish the current students a great time at RLA and an accomplished future ahead. I will suggest each student to make as many human connections as they can, not just with other students but also by spending time with the non-teaching staff, support staff, helpers and beyond. Keep experiencing.*

# Ms. Jyoti Nagarkoti

*Jyoti Nagarkoti (2011-2014)*

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*The education I received at RLA College laid a strong foundation for my future. The faculty was not only knowledgeable but also approachable, making sure we grasped concepts thoroughly. The emphasis on both theoretical and practical aspects of learning prepared me for real-world challenges, which I believe has been crucial to my career success. The vibrant extracurricular activities and active societies at RLA College greatly enriched my personality. Beyond the academic curriculum, participating in cultural events, student clubs, and leadership roles helped me gain confidence, team spirit, and a well-rounded personality. It's these experiences outside the classroom that truly helped me grow, both personally and professionally.*

*To the current students at RLA College, I would say—immerse yourselves in all aspects of college life. Don't just focus on grades, but also engage in extracurriculars, explore new ideas, and build lasting friendships. However, it's important to strike a balance and not lose sight of your academic goals. Make the most of your time at RLA by being curious, proactive, and open to new experiences.*



# Mr. Ashu Pathak

*Ashu Pathak, (2013-16)  
BA (Hons) Political Science  
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P.G. Diploma (ILI)*



*During my time at Ram Lal Anand (RLA) College, several aspects of my education significantly shaped my career and future direction. One particularly notable aspect of my educational journey was that I belonged to the first batch where the CGPA system was introduced in Class 10th. This shift in evaluation laid a foundation for academic adaptability, pushing us to focus on continuous assessment rather than one-time exams. Additionally, during the academic year of 2013, Delhi University introduced the Four-Year Undergraduate Program (FYUP), which was later scrapped in 2014. Despite the controversy surrounding FYUP, one significant advantage was the distribution of laptops, which provided practical exposure to essential software like MS Word and MS PowerPoint. This early exposure helped me develop vital skills in documentation, presentations, and digital literacy—skills that I continue to rely on in my legal career. The academic experience at RLA College was foundational in many ways. My focus on political science during my undergraduate studies gave me a deep understanding of governance, international relations, and Indian foreign policy. This subject not only sharpened my analytical thinking but also played a critical role in my decision to pursue a career in law. The debates and discussions in class enabled me to think critically and argue persuasively—key skills for my future profession. Additionally, the faculty’s mentorship and their encouragement to apply theoretical concepts to real-world scenarios were invaluable in fostering my ability to approach issues from both practical and analytical perspectives.*

*During my second year, I had the privilege of receiving mentorship from professors who encouraged me to think globally rather than narrowly, expanding my worldview and approach to various issues. I was also actively involved in the class activities, where I engaged with contemporary issues through guest lectures, debates, and discussions. These experiences not only helped me enhance my leadership skills and public speaking abilities but also allowed me to work collaboratively with peers on various projects. Additionally, participating in seminars provided me the opportunity to interact with individuals from diverse backgrounds and viewpoints, further sharpening my problem-solving abilities and expanding my network. Life beyond the classroom was equally enriching. The cultural fests, student-driven events, and volunteer opportunities provided a platform for learning essential skills like time management, teamwork, and conflict resolution. Managing academics alongside these activities taught me the importance of maintaining a balance, a trait that has been crucial in my professional life. Reflecting on my time at RLA College, my advice to current students would be to fully embrace the holistic experience the institution provides. Academics are important, but equally vital are extracurricular activities that align with your passions. Involvement in student societies or debates will broaden your perspective and help you acquire essential soft skills like teamwork and leadership. Another piece of advice is to leverage the mentorship of professors. Building strong relationships with them can offer invaluable guidance in navigating academic and career challenges. Lastly, maintain a sense of curiosity and adaptability. College is a time to explore, take risks, and push your boundaries—experiences that will prepare you for life beyond RLA.*

# Ms. Nupur Pant

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*My time at RLA College was a transformative experience that laid the foundation for my future success. The aspects of my education that significantly shaped my career were the emphasis on critical thinking, effective communication and meticulous field work. The rigorous academic curriculum, coupled with encouraging faculty mentors, helped me develop a strong analytical mindset and confidence in expressing my ideas. Notably, the college's focus especially as I joined under FYUP on interdisciplinary learning allowed me to explore connections fostering a holistic understanding of the world. Beyond the classroom, RLA College's vibrant environment played a pivotal role in my personal growth. Participating in various activities, societies and volunteer groups helped me hone my leadership skills, empathy, and teamwork abilities. The college's diverse extracurricular activities encouraged me to step out of my comfort zone, exploring new passions and interests.*

*To current RLA students, I would offer the following advice: embrace the college's inclusive and stimulating environment to the fullest. Take advantage of the diverse academic courses, attend seminars, and engage with faculty beyond class hours. Don't be afraid to explore unconventional interests through extracurricular activities. Cultivate meaningful relationships with peers and mentors, as these connections will prove invaluable in the years to come. Perhaps most importantly, be open to failure and learning from mistakes. RLA College provides a safe space to experiment, innovate, and discover yourself.*

*To my fellow Geology students, I add: make the most of field trips! These experiences will:*

*Forge lasting bonds with classmates  
Deepen your understanding of geological concepts  
Create unforgettable memories*



# Mr. Steven George

*Steven George (2014-17)*

*BA Hons English*

*Ph.D. Scholar*

*Department of English*

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*My education at Ram Lal Anand College was instrumental in laying the foundation for my academic and professional journey. The English Department, in particular, provided a strong intellectual base that prepared me for advanced studies and future career endeavors. The faculty members were not only exceptional in their subject knowledge but also nurtured critical thinking, which I found invaluable later in life. Their emphasis on fostering analytical skills, coupled with the diverse curriculum, helped me approach literature and life from a broader perspective. This holistic academic experience shaped my ability to engage deeply with texts, and it has been crucial in my career development, whether in further studies or professional roles. The environment at Ram Lal Anand College went far beyond the traditional classroom experience. My involvement in the college's theatre society and magazine enriched my time there and contributed greatly to my personal and holistic growth. The vibrant culture of student societies provided an excellent platform for exploring my creative and leadership abilities. Participating in the theatre society helped me develop confidence, public speaking skills, and teamwork. Beyond that, the opportunities the college provided to participate in national-level competitions and cultural events were truly invaluable. I had the privilege of visiting institutions like IIT Kharagpur, IIT Mumbai, and IIT Guwahati for various events, which expanded my horizons, sharpened my skills, and exposed me to different perspectives. The freedom to explore extracurricular activities, alongside academic rigour, played a significant role in shaping who I am today.*

*My advice to current students would be to make the most of the myriad opportunities that Ram Lal Anand College offers. Don't confine your growth to the classroom—immerse yourself in the vibrant student life. Join at least one of the college societies, whether it's related to your field of study or a passion you wish to explore further. This is where you will develop essential life skills like leadership, teamwork, and adaptability. In addition, make it a habit to spend at least an hour in the library each day.*

*There's no better way to broaden your understanding than through reading widely. Finally, participate actively in college events, whether academic or cultural—they provide a healthy balance between physical, intellectual, and emotional growth. These experiences will not only enhance your college life but also prepare you for the challenges ahead.*

# Mr. Zamil Ahmed

Zamil Ahmed (2014-17)  
BA Hons Hindi



दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय के राम लाल आनंद कॉलेज में 2014 से 2017 तक बिताया गया मेरा समय वास्तव में एक परिवर्तनकारी और समृद्ध अनुभव था। हिंदी में बी.ए. ऑनर्स की पढ़ाई करते हुए, मुझे एक जीवंत शैक्षणिक समुदाय का हिस्सा बनने का सौभाग्य मिला, जिसने मेरे विकास को पोषित किया, मेरे जुनून को बढ़ावा दिया और मुझे मेरी क्षमता को खोजने में मदद की। कॉलेज के संकाय ने मेरी शैक्षणिक यात्रा को आकार देने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाई। श्री दिनकर सैन जी, सुरिंदर कुमार सर और संजय सर जैसे असाधारण शिक्षकों ने मेरे सीखने के अनुभव पर एक अमिट छाप छोड़ी। उनके अटूट समर्पण, विशेषज्ञता और धैर्य ने मुझे जटिल अवधारणाओं को समझने, अपनी भाषा कौशल विकसित करने और हिंदी साहित्य की गहरी समझ विकसित करने में मदद की। मुझे मध्यकालीन कविता पर श्री सैन जी के आकर्षक व्याख्यान, आधुनिक हिंदी कथा साहित्य के सुरिंदर सर के व्यावहारिक विश्लेषण और भाषाई बारीकियों पर संजय सर के सावधानीपूर्वक मार्गदर्शन को अच्छी तरह याद है। कक्षा से परे, मैं अन्य संकाय सदस्यों के साथ जुड़ने के अवसरों के लिए आभारी था, जिन्होंने अपने अनुभव साझा किए, बहुमूल्य सलाह दी और मुझे अपनी रुचियों का पता लगाने के लिए प्रोत्साहित किया। उनकी सामूहिक बुद्धि, शिक्षण के प्रति जुनून और छात्रों की सफलता के प्रति प्रतिबद्धता ने एक सहायक वातावरण बनाया जिसने मुझे फलने-फूलने का मौका दिया। राम लाल आनंद कॉलेज ने मुझे विभिन्न पाठ्येतर गतिविधियों का पता लगाने, लेखन, वाद-विवाद और सार्वजनिक भाषण में अपने कौशल को निखारने के लिए एक मंच प्रदान किया। अंतर-कॉलेज उत्सवों, सेमिनारों और कार्यशालाओं में भाग लेने से मेरे दृष्टिकोण का विस्तार हुआ, मुझे विविध पृष्ठभूमि के साथियों के साथ नेटवर्क बनाने में मदद मिली और मुझमें आत्मविश्वास और टीम वर्क की भावना पैदा हुई। कॉलेज का बुनियादी ढांचा, हालांकि साधारण था, लेकिन एक अच्छी तरह से सुसज्जित पुस्तकालय, भाषा प्रयोगशाला और खेल सुविधाओं सहित आवश्यक सुविधाओं से सुसज्जित था। दक्षिण दिल्ली के केंद्र में स्थित परिसर में शांति और सुगमता का एक अनूठा मिश्रण था।

मेरे साथी और बैचमेट मेरे कॉलेज के अनुभव का एक अभिन्न हिस्सा थे। हमने स्थायी बंधन बनाए, हंसी-मजाक किया और शैक्षणिक और व्यक्तिगत चुनौतियों के दौरान एक-दूसरे का समर्थन किया। हमारी विविध पृष्ठभूमि, रुचियों और आकांक्षाओं ने अनुभवों की एक समृद्ध ताने-बाने का निर्माण किया, जिससे सहानुभूति, समझ और आजीवन मित्रता को बढ़ावा मिला। जब मैं राम लाल आनंद कॉलेज में बिताए अपने समय पर विचार करता हूँ, तो मुझे एहसास होता है कि यह सिर्फ एक अकादमिक खोज से कहीं ज़्यादा था - यह आत्म-खोज, विकास और परिवर्तन की यात्रा थी। कॉलेज ने मुझे हिंदी भाषा और साहित्य, आलोचनात्मक सोच और सांस्कृतिक जागरूकता में एक मज़बूत आधार दिया। कक्षा के अंदर और बाहर मैंने जो सबक सीखे, वे मेरे व्यक्तिगत और पेशेवर जीवन को आकार देने में अमूल्य रहे हैं। अंत में, राम लाल आनंद कॉलेज में मेरा अनुभव उल्लेखनीय से कम नहीं था। मैं अपने सभी शिक्षकों, साथियों और कॉलेज प्रशासन को एक ऐसा माहौल बनाने के लिए दिल से आभार व्यक्त करता हूँ जिसने मुझे तलाशने, सीखने और विकसित होने का मौका दिया। एक पूर्व छात्र के रूप में, मुझे इस प्रतिष्ठित संस्थान का हिस्सा होने पर गर्व है, और मैं आने वाले वर्षों में कॉलेज समुदाय के साथ जुड़े रहने की आशा करता हूँ।



# Mr. Lalit Kumar

Lalit Kumar (2014-17)  
BA Hons English



Looking back at my graduation years (2014-17) at Ram Lal Anand College, almost a decade later, makes me feel nothing but fortunate and grateful. I was hardly aware that opting for and being a student of English Hons. at RLAC would set events in motion that are still guiding my career and my life, in general. The English Department at RLAC, one of the best in the University, has helped not just me but many like me to pursue their career in academics and is still continuing to do so. I have a very distinct memory of classroom teaching actually impacting and shaping our understanding about the subject matter and about the very art of teaching. As I pursued academics further and started to teach myself, I realised how my understanding of teaching had been shaped during the formative years at RLAC. The college years were not just about Academics and RLAC provided us with the chances to continue following our interests that we carried forward from school, and the ones we newly created. I remember being part of the Editorial Board for the college magazine, where teachers and students would work together in tandem and learn a great deal from one another. The teachers from the English department and from other departments as well were the kindest yet an influential figure for the seekers.

They made us see beyond the classroom and coursework teaching and to the future. They helped create and shape our visions and the best prospects post the graduation. Some of the lessons are still so clear in my head that I can recall them verbatim and will carry them with me through my professional life. Studying at RLAC was one of the most beautiful things that happened to me. I still look back at the photographs from the college events, both formal and informal, and remind myself how learning and gaining knowledge is not just about the employment of your critical faculty but is also shaped by one's emotional and personal being. One thing I would want to speak directly to the students who are and will be a part of RLAC is that they must, without inhibition, experience and explore all walks of college life. Be it academics, societies, or the life beyond the classroom and college itself. Graduating is not an end of journey but taking an influential direction into your future. Make the best while you're at it."

# Mr. Ravindra Kumar

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महाविद्यालय के संग



हमारे जीवन में ऐसे पल आते हैं जो हमारे जीवन में रंग भर जाते हैं। ऐसा ही एक पल लगभग सभी के साथ जीवन में आता है “कॉलेज” जो सभी के जीवन में हर तरह के रंग भरता है। मेरे जीवन में भी ये पल आया जब मैंने 21 जुलाई 2015 को महाविद्यालय के आंगन में कदम रखा। ये तीन वर्ष का समय मेरे लिए सबसे रोमांचक और मेरे जीवन का सबसे महत्वपूर्ण रहे। यही वो समय था जब मुझे मेरे लक्ष्य की ओर जाने वाला रास्ता दिखाई देने लगा। रामलाल आनंद महाविद्यालय मेरे लिए एक प्रकाश स्तंभ के समान था। जैसे प्रकाश स्तंभ समुद्र में दिशाहीन नाविक को दिशा दिखाते हैं, उसी तरह यहाँ के शिक्षक छात्रों का मार्गदर्शन करते हैं। मेरा सफर रामलाल में शुरू हुआ एक सामान्य विद्यार्थी से और खत्म हुआ “बेस्ट स्टूडेंट अवार्ड” से। यह सफर बड़ा ही शानदार रहा जहाँ मैंने स्वयं को पहचाना और इन सब में मेरी मदद मेरे गुरुजन ने की, फिर चाहे वो मेरे विभाग के हों या अन्य विभाग के, सभी ने हर कदम पर मुझे सही राह दिखाई। लेकिन जिनका सबसे ज्यादा योगदान रहा वो थे सुरेंद्र सर, मानवेश सर, दिनकर सर। इनके सानिध्य में रहकर मेरे कौशल में नवीनता और तर्कशीलता का समाहार हुआ। इनके अलावा, प्रेरणा मैम, कुसुम मैम, नीलम मैम, अर्चना मैम इन सभी ने मुझे ममतामयी वातावरण दिया, साथ ही एक शिक्षक के दायित्व का निर्वहन भी किया।

इन तीन वर्षों में, शिक्षा केवल कक्षा के भीतर ही सीमित नहीं रही, बल्कि विभिन्न कार्यक्रमों में भाग लेकर भी मैंने शिक्षा प्राप्त की। हिंदी साहित्य परिषद, आरोह वाद-विवाद समिति और एन.एस.एस. का अध्यक्ष बनना, इको क्लब के लिए काम करना, सभी ने मेरे जीवन में कई रंग भरे। इनकी वजह से मुझमें आत्मविश्वास, संयम और सही-गलत की पहचान करने की क्षमता विकसित हुई। इन अनुभवों ने मेरे चरित्र निर्माण में अहम योगदान दिया। इसी जगह मुझे जीवन भर साथ रहने वाले मित्र और जीवन को बदलने वाला वातावरण मिला। मैं अपनी इस लेखनी के माध्यम से अपने अनुजों से यही कहना चाहता हूँ कि सदैव अपने शिक्षकों का सम्मान करें, उनकी दिखाई राह पर चलें, यही आपको सफलता की ओर लेकर जाएगी, एक अच्छा इंसान बनाएगी। महाविद्यालय में होने वाली हर गतिविधि में भाग लें ताकि आपका सर्वांगीण विकास हो और महाविद्यालय को नई ऊँचाई पर ले जाएं, क्योंकि महाविद्यालय इमारत से नहीं, आप लोगों से बनता है।



# Mr. Shivam Verma

*Shivam Verma (2015-18)*  
*BA Hons English*  
*Assistant Professor*  
*Department of English*  
*Sri Aurobindo College*  
*University of Delhi*



*The academic foundation I received at Ram Lal Anand College significantly shaped my educational future. Pursuing a B.A. (H) in English gave me a strong understanding of literary theories, critical analysis, and communication skills, all crucial in English studies. The rigorous curriculum and the insightful guidance of my professors inspired my passion for teaching and research. This educational journey laid the groundwork for my current role as an Assistant Professor of English at Sri Aurobindo College, University of Delhi, where I now have the opportunity to pass on the knowledge and enthusiasm for literature to my students.*

*The environment at Ram Lal Anand College, mainly through its extracurricular activities, societies, and life beyond the classroom, played a significant role in my personal growth. Serving as Parada, the Film Club's president, was a proud achievement and a valuable learning experience. It taught me essential leadership skills, like effectively leading a team, fostering collaboration, and managing group dynamics. Being part of the Film Club also helped me improve my organizational skills, creativity, and teamwork, contributing to my overall personal development. These experiences extended beyond academics, providing a well-rounded college experience that shaped my character and prepared me for future challenges.*

*My essential advice to current students is to embrace the holistic nature of the college experience, which extends beyond academics. Engage actively in extracurricular activities, as they help build essential life skills like leadership, teamwork, and communication while allowing you to explore passions beyond your studies. Foster strong relationships with peers, professors, and mentors, as these connections can offer guidance and opportunities. Focus on developing critical thinking by immersing yourself in the subject matter rather than just studying for exams, and learn to manage your time effectively to balance academic responsibilities with personal growth. Seek internships or volunteer opportunities to gain practical experience in your field, and always stay curious and open to new ideas and perspectives. College is a unique time for exploration and growth, so make the most of it by being engaged and proactive in every aspect.*



# Ms. Vipasha Sharma

*Vipasha Sharma 2016-19  
BA Hons English  
Senior Marketing Analyst,  
Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL)*



*As I look back at my time at Ram Lal Anand College, I realize how pivotal those years were in shaping my personal and professional journey. The academic curriculum and knowledgeable faculty provided me with a strong foundation for understanding the changing world around me and equipped me with the soft skills that I still rely on today. Beyond the coursework, it was the exposure to different perspectives and the encouragement to think critically that truly broadened my horizons and prepared me for the challenges of the future. Being part of the literary club, Ubiquitous, gave me a platform to explore creative writing, organize literary events, and engage in stimulating debates about various pressing ideas. This experience not only enhanced my leadership and collaboration skills but also allowed me to discover my passion for certain literary genres and styles.*

*If I were to offer advice to current students, I would say this: Make the most of your time at college by embracing every opportunity that comes your way. Engage deeply with your academics, but don't limit yourself to just that—explore extracurricular activities, network with peers and faculty, and push yourself to grow in different dimensions. These are the years when you can discover what truly excites and drives you. It's not just about the degree; it's about the person you become along the way. Ram Lal Anand College provided me with the platform to learn, grow, and prepare for the real world, and I will always be grateful for that.*





# Ms. Tanya

*Tanya (2016-19) BA Hons Eng  
Assistant Professor  
Department of English  
Ramjas College, University of Delhi*



*My time at Ram Lal Anand College was immensely rewarding. The three years I spent there were pivotal in shaping my academic and personal growth. The college offered numerous opportunities for holistic development, providing a platform to pursue varied interests. In my first year, I represented the college at the University level in chess. I also had the privilege of serving as the Vice President of the English Debating Society, where I participated in several national-level competitions, in addition to being an NCC cadet.*

*The English Department played a crucial role in my academic journey. The faculty is deeply committed to the intellectual and personal development of its students. Their expertise in teaching and mentoring was exceptional. The college library, with its rich collection of books, was another invaluable resource, offering materials that are hard to find in many other colleges within the University of Delhi.*

*The combination of college facilities, co-curricular activities, and the unwavering guidance and support from my professors enabled me to pursue my postgraduate studies at St. Stephen's College, Delhi. I am also grateful for the camaraderie and motivation provided by my peers, whose humility and talent inspired me to push forward with my ambitions.*

*Ram Lal Anand College is an institution that nurtures its students and provides the support they need to succeed. I will always remain indebted to the college for its role in my development.*

# Lt. Amitabh Charupa

*Lieutenant Amitabh Charupa  
(2017-20) BA Hons Political Science  
Selected for National Defence  
Academy 2020,  
Currently serving as Lieutenant,  
Indian Army*



*RLA college gave me avenues to express myself, in class and outside, and to think about what it means to be a part of this nation. It helped me understand my role in the society and shaped my aspirations which led me to joining the defence forces.*

*I learnt a lot from the various societies and events that took place in the college. They helped me hone my oratory, creative skills and higher cognitive functions. All of these helped me develop in multiple areas of my life and bolstered my mental growth.*

*In my opinion, each student should make the most of all opportunities made available at the college, and not focus on just studies.*

*It is an environment which supports holistic development and should be taken advantage of, accordingly.*



# Ms. Anmol Jain

*Anmol Jain, 2017-20  
Bachelors in Management Studies  
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Quality Council of India &  
MBA, IE University, Spain*



*The practical and analytical approach emphasized in the BMS program at RLA College significantly shaped my future career. Courses like Organizational Behavior, Business Strategy, and Marketing Management provided me with a robust understanding of the business landscape. The program's focus on case studies, presentations, and group projects developed my critical thinking and teamwork skills, which have been crucial in my professional journey, particularly in my current role in government consultancy. Additionally, the mentoring I received from faculty members helped me develop leadership qualities and solution-oriented thinking, which have been valuable in both my entrepreneurial ventures and career path. The vibrant environment at RLA College played a pivotal role in my personal growth. Beyond academics, I was actively involved in various societies, including the college's management society, which originally was formed by us, the pilot batch of BMS in 2017, gave me practical exposure to real-world challenges and opportunities. I was a part of various other cells and clubs like Placement cell and ENACTUS. These activities honed my leadership skills, enhanced my communication abilities, and strengthened my network-building expertise so much so that I was highly motivated to start my own venture during my college time itself.*

*The cultural fests, sports events, and student-run initiatives provided an excellent platform for self-expression and teamwork, enabling me to develop a well-rounded personality. The friendships and connections I made during this time continue to be a valuable support system in my personal and professional life till date. To current RLA students, my key advice would be to embrace every opportunity that comes your way, both academically and beyond the classroom. Engage actively with your course material but also make time for extracurricular activities, societies, and internships. These experiences will help you gain practical skills, build confidence, and discover your passions. Networking is essential – form connections with peers, faculty, and industry professionals to create a strong support system for your future endeavors. Lastly, always stay curious and open to learning; the world beyond college is dynamic, and adaptability will be your biggest strength.*

# Mr. Chetan Sharma

*Chetan Sharma (2017-20)*  
*B.Sc. Hons Geology*  
*Scientific Officer*  
*Atomic Mineral Directorate*  
*Department of Atomic Energy*



*My education at RLA College played a crucial role in shaping my career and personal growth. The dedicated faculty and well-structured curriculum provided a solid academic foundation, while the focus on preparing for competitive exams early on gave me a strong advantage. Teachers and seniors offered excellent guidance and encouragement, helping me excel in exams and setting a clear path for my future. Beyond academics, RLA's vibrant environment was filled with enriching extracurricular activities. From playing football in the morning to participating in quizzes and seminars, I had the opportunity to explore my interests and develop essential skills like teamwork and leadership. The support during the 2020 pandemic was remarkable—the faculty ensured a seamless transition to online learning, even providing free Coursera courses, which allowed us to continue growing and learning.*

*For current RLA students, my advice is to embrace every opportunity the college offers. Build a strong academic base, but also get involved in societies, sports, and cultural events to develop a well-rounded personality. Connect with professors and peers, and make use of additional learning resources. Enjoy your time, stay curious, and make the most of every moment at RLA College.*



# Mr. Nishant Saini

*Nishant Saini, (2017-20)  
BA Hons Political Science  
Masters from Tata Institute of  
Social Sciences, Mumbai (Gold  
Medalist)  
Executive (HR-CSR)  
National Thermal Power  
Corporation Limited (A Maharatna  
CPSE)*



*RLA College was more than just an academic institution for me—it was the cradle of my transformation. Before joining RLAC in 2017, I was someone with little exposure, hailing from a remote village and a family of modest means. But when I graduated in 2020, I found myself transformed into a well-rounded individual, confident enough to speak and share ideas with industry leaders and sit across elite panels with grace. If I had to pinpoint one crucial element, it would be the teaching methods of professors like Dr. Alankar. His classroom wasn't just about lectures; it was an intellectual battlefield. Every day, we debated issues, discussed ideas, and brainstormed solutions, and these dialectical methods did something remarkable—they forced me to think, to question, to see the world through different lenses. What started as simple classroom practice soon became a way of life, teaching me that it's okay to challenge norms and propose new ideas. That sense of curiosity and critical thinking has stayed with me ever since. But RLAC wasn't just about intellectual growth. It was about compassion, too. I was the only student in my elective Microbiology class, which could have easily made me feel isolated. Instead, Dr. Sunila Hooda, my microbiology professor, embraced it as an opportunity to provide personalized teaching. She shared her own books when I couldn't afford the expensive ones. She took pictures of my experiments for my lab notebook because I didn't have a good camera phone. She treated me with the same dedication as she would a class of sixty. Through her, I learned that life is as much about empathy as it is about knowledge—and that lesson is now my moral compass in my professional life.*

*And then there was the research. Participating in research projects as an undergraduate, particularly getting the chance to present a paper at the Indian Institute of Public Administration, was a moment that made me believe in myself. Standing in front of seasoned academics, sharing my work—it felt surreal. The confidence it gave me shaped many of my future endeavours. Outside the classroom, RLAC was equally formative. The Statecraft Society, debates, discussions, and activities allowed me to sharpen my thoughts and arguments. Outbound learning experiences like visits to embassies and Ambedkar Memorial etc. enriched me in ways textbooks could never do. I truly hope the college continues to offer such experiences, and even considers adding a compulsory fieldwork course in the Social Sciences. But none of this would have mattered without the friendships I forged at RLA College. Some of my closest friends, people who are now inseparable from my life, came into my world through that college. We laughed, debated, and dreamed together, and in many ways, they were just as instrumental in my growth as my professors. To current students, my advice is simple: embrace RLAC life fully—academically and otherwise. This time is precious, and it won't come back. Engage in meaningful research, go interdisciplinary, be analytical, learn hard skills and AI, watch good cinema, and read literature that challenges you. Most importantly, never lose your voice. Respect others' opinions, even if you disagree, but never let go of your individuality. RLA College may have once seemed like just another step in my journey, but it became the very foundation on which I built my life. From being no one, I walked out of its gates as someone. And for that, I will always be grateful.*

# Mr. Deshdeep Dhankhar

*Deshdeep Dhankhar (2017-20)  
BA Prog (History+Political Science)  
Max Weber Forum, Delhi  
Centre for Multilevel Federalism  
Federal Democracy Programme,  
India International Center*



*Moving to a metropolitan city and navigating college higher education posed several challenges. Coming from a small-town school to a college in the University was a significant transition for me. I chose to change my stream from sciences to social sciences, precisely, the bachelor's degree programme in political science.*

*However, I found my place on the first day of college. The diversity of the college, its affordability, and its vibrant learning environment provided me with comfort and a feeling of belonging. The college contributed significantly to my personal growth. My easily approachable faculty made my transition to higher education possible.*

*The college library opened the academic world to me with its wide range of books—including contemporary works and rare collections—and access to e-learning resources via N-List and scholarly journals. The diversity of my peers, who came from all corners of the country, taught me how to live together while respecting differences.*

*I cannot overlook the valuable support provided by the college counsellor, who helped me navigate college life without worrying about confidentiality. College societies offer platforms to engage, learn, and polish one's skills in a rapidly changing world. The debating society taught me how to debate, question, and respectfully disagree. I strongly recommend that current students stay informed about the college's facilities. While the college offers a lot, only a few students know these resources. The key to accessing this information lies in staying attentive to the college notice board, regularly visiting the website, and engaging with faculty beyond the classroom.*



# Ms. Kshmata Gulati

*Kshmata Gulati (2017-20)  
BA Hons English  
Senior Programmatic Manager,  
Group M.  
AdTech – a mix of AI and  
advertising.*



*Studying at Ram Lal Anand College, University of Delhi, was like stepping into a wonderfully chaotic world where literature and life hilariously intertwined. I remember my first day, clutching my books and secretly hoping I wouldn't trip over my own feet in front of the seniors. Spoiler alert: I did, and it became a running joke! The professors were a delightful mix of brilliant and quirky, inspiring us to think critically while sprinkling their lectures with anecdotes that had us both laughing and pondering life's mysteries. I learned to analyze texts deeply, realizing that life, much like a Shakespearean play, is full of drama—and often, a good dose of comic relief. My diverse group of friends enriched my experience immensely. We shared stories over endless chai, debating everything from profound existential questions to which movie villain was the best. These interactions opened my eyes to different perspectives and taught me that empathy is as vital as any academic lesson.*

*Joining various cultural societies pushed me out of my comfort zone. The anchoring society was both exhilarating and terrifying; one minute I was confidently reciting quotes at the stage, the next I was forgetting my lines in front of an audience. Each mishap taught me resilience and the importance of embracing life's absurdities with humor. Balancing academics with extracurricular activities felt like juggling flaming torches while riding a unicycle. Yet, I emerged with newfound discipline and a knack for time management (who knew cramming for exams could double as cardio?). My professors and peers became my cheerleaders, celebrating victories and comforting me through setbacks.*

*Now, as I lead a team in a foreign country, I often reflect on those college days. The ability to adapt, communicate, and find humor in challenges has been invaluable. Ram Lal Anand College didn't just educate me; it shaped me into a confident, open-minded individual ready to tackle whatever life throws my way—preferably while sharing a laugh or two!*

# Mr. Utkarsh Tripathi

*Utkarsh Tripathi 2019-22  
B.Sc. Hons Computer Science  
Currently pursuing MBA at Indian  
Institute of Management, Lucknow*



*My work and personal development were greatly influenced by my stay at RLA College. I achieved academic excellence, graduating with a gold medal and a CGPA of 9.55. This achievement reaffirmed my commitment to perseverance and hard effort. My solid academic background, especially in computer science, gave me the ability to solve problems and think critically. I was also able to analyze data and solve problems. These skills proved to be quite helpful as I moved into more complicated responsibilities later on in my internships. I'm currently working on my MBA at IIM Lucknow, which has helped me become even more knowledgeable about business. Recently, I was awarded a Pre-Placement Offer (PPO) by Reliance Industries, where I interned in the finance department on a cost-saving project that saved Rs. 3.2 crores every month. My knowledge of strategic cost management has increased as a result of this experience, and I now see how crucial it is to use data-driven solutions in practical situations. In addition to the rigorous academic program, RLA College's general environment—which includes societies and extracurricular activities—was extremely important to my personal growth. My leadership and teamwork abilities were honed by my active participation in the Computer Science Club, where I also developed my interpersonal and organizational skills. In addition to the rigorous academic program, RLA College's general environment—which includes societies and extracurricular activities—was extremely important to my personal growth. My leadership and teamwork abilities were honed by my active participation in the Computer Science Club, where I also developed my interpersonal and organizational skills.*

*The lively atmosphere at RLA broadened my perspectives and improved my ability to solve problems creatively, as did the chance to engage with others from different backgrounds. In addition to making me more adaptive and resilient, this balance between extracurriculars and academics helped me get ready for the obstacles I would experience in my MBA program and in my future career. I have a solid foundation from my experience at RLA, which I am still building upon at IIM, Lucknow. I would advise current RLA students to take advantage of all available possibilities, academic and extracurricular. While achieving academic success is vital, the experiences you have outside of the classroom are just as significant. Taking up leadership positions, going on internships, and joining societies will broaden your horizons and take you down unanticipated career pathways. For example, via my internships, I discovered that I had a knack for finance and cost management, which finally helped me land a job at Reliance. Furthermore, you should not undervalue the importance of creating strong networks because your connections will be just as valuable as your expertise. In today's cutthroat environment, a blend of practical experience, personal connections, and academic accomplishment will make all the difference.*





# Mr. Mudit

*Mudit (2019-22)  
B.Sc. Hons Statistics  
Analyst at Axtria India Pvt. Ltd.,  
Noida*



*It's been more than 2 years since I graduated from college, still I remember everything so vividly. My career right now has been based on what I learned in my bachelor's degree. Having seen and interacted with students from other colleges, I can proudly say that I have been taught statistics by the best Faculties in all DU colleges or perhaps other universities of same league too. More than teachers, my professors were mentors who helped in building a safe and conducive environment for students to grow. RLA College has a lot to offer you, with varied societies of your choice. Be it the dance, singing or the acting society, art or the photography club, yoga society of which I was a part of, social service with NSS, of which I was part of and had one of my best times, made friends while giving back to the society. With so much to grab on, you only wish you had enough time to experience all of it. Not to overwhelm or overburden yourself with handling the academics and extra curricular activities together, have a balance of both.*

*. Don't forget to sit and relax with friends in the lawns on a sunny winter day whenever you get time between classes, chilling at the canteen, taking parts in inter department sports competitions; even if not taking the part directly, go cheer your classmates, experiencing healthy rivalry between departments is a adrenaline rush. Indulge in the fest season of the college. Make the maximum out of these three years at RLA College. All the best!*

# Mr. Pranav Bhatia

*Pranav Bhatia (2020-23)  
Bachelor of Management  
Studies (BMS)  
Currently pursuing PGDM (Full  
Time) IMT Ghaziabad*



*My time at Ram Lal Anand College was instrumental in shaping my career. The structured curriculum and dedicated faculty provided a strong foundation for my professional journey. The professors' ability to connect theoretical concepts to real-world applications, through case studies and assignments, was invaluable. One aspect that I found particularly beneficial was the emphasis on practical learning. The assignments were relevant to current business and economy trends, and working on them helped me develop essential skills like problem-solving and critical thinking. Even outside of the classroom, there was a whole world of opportunities waiting to be explored. The college offered a diverse range of societies and clubs, catering to every interest under the sun. I was lucky enough to be part of the Enactus club, where I got to lead a social entrepreneurship venture. It was like running my own mini-business, and it allowed me to apply theoretical concepts to real-world challenges. Additionally, my involvement in the MARG management society, as the research and development head, provided valuable opportunities to organize events and contribute to the college community. I was also part of the photography society, allowing me to explore my artistic interests and connect with like-minded individuals. And let's not forget about the sports! The college had a ton of options, from cricket and football to table tennis, chess, and many more. I was part of the BMS department cricket team and we secured 2nd position in inter-department tournament. It was again, an unforgettable experience that taught me a lot about teamwork.*

*My advice to anyone starting their journey at RLA is to fully embrace all the opportunities that come your way. Participate in both inter-college and intra-college competitions, and join societies that align with your interests, as well as those that will help prepare you for the corporate world. At the same time, don't lose sight of your academics. The concepts taught in class are fundamental, and whether you plan to pursue higher studies or make an impact in the corporate world, a strong academic foundation is crucial. Balancing academics with extracurricular activities is absolutely possible. I managed to secure the academic excellence award for ranking 2nd in the BMS department (batch of 2020-23) while actively participating in three college societies and preparing for the CAT. Effective time management made this possible, and it can work for you too. Use your time wisely to explore your interests and pursue additional certification courses, whether domain-specific or skill-based. If you're aiming for entrance exams like the CAT or government job exams, start your preparation early and manage it alongside your graduation—it's achievable with the right approach. Lastly, make an effort to network with students and alumni, seek out new opportunities, and, most importantly, enjoy your college experience to the fullest!*



# Mr. Vivek Kumar

Vivek Kumar (2020-23)  
B. Sc. Mathematics



*There were multiple factors that enhanced my education at RLA college. The most which I appreciate is the teacher student bond. It was never like a teacher student bond but it was like a parent-child bond. Apart from studies the weekly mentorship and counselling session were very useful. They were scheduled on Wednesdays but there was never any restriction to talk with the mentor any other day or time. The infrastructure and Digital platforms for visualisation also played a crucial role for me to gather knowledge in my course. The professors transformed us from being only educated to resourceful, valuable and knowledgeable. Apart from studies, I learnt many things in RLA. I was always a music lover and RLA was the platform for me to perform. The societies and the open mic events were some very memorable moments that I will always remember. Although I was not a part of any society but the events organised by them were never restricted to only the society members. I did sports with the NCC people and sang in the Open mic organised by Abhivyaḳti as well. Participated in many events organised by Equal Opportunity Cell and by the Statistics department and won them too. My advice to my juniors is, Don't be shy, participate in everything without fearing about the results. Explore, talk, listen, communicate, play, sing, dance, contest elections, attend all events, freshers, fears, farewell enjoyyyy!! RLA is one of the most underrated college of DU, only those who has been here knows what a real gem this college is.*

*Don't waste your time sitting at home, these days would never return. I was unlucky as I could attend the college for only 1.5 yrs due to Covid. You have the opportunity, Rock it!! Last but not the least, Thanks to Principal Sir (Dr. Rakesh Kumar Gupta), My closest Department of Mathematics teachers and all the faculty members of RLA college which made my experience at the college smoother, better and wonderful!!*

# Mr. Brijesh Kishore

*Brijesh Kishore Mishra (2021-2024)*  
*B.Sc.[Hons] Mathematics*  
*(IIT-JAM 82nd Rank)*



*My time at Ram Lal Anand College, University of Delhi, played a significant role in shaping both my academic journey and personal development. Academically, the Mathematics Department stood out for its highly knowledgeable faculty, who were always ready to help students keen on learning. The department provided me with a strong foundation in mathematics, enabling me to excel and secure a CGPA of 9.527. This solid academic base allowed me to prepare for the IIT-JAM exam independently, ultimately achieving an AIR of 82 without any coaching. The emphasis on self-study, coupled with the encouragement I received from my professors, helped me build the discipline and determination necessary for my future in research and higher studies. Beyond academics, the overall environment at Ram Lal Anand College significantly shaped my personality through vibrant extracurricular activities and societies. I actively participated in various mathematics competitions across Delhi University, earning recognition, including the Best Student in Extracurricular Activities award. These experiences enhanced my critical thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork skills, which are essential for both academic and real-world success. Cultural events like the fresher's party, college fests, and annual prize ceremonies enriched my college life, fostering engagement with peers in the Mathematics Society and encouraging leadership and communication skills. This balance between academic rigor and social involvement allowed me to grow holistically and equipped me with the tools to excel in multiple facets of life.*

*For current students, I believe the key to making the most of their time at Ram Lal Anand College is to strike a balance between academics and extracurricular activities. Focus on building a solid academic foundation, as the college offers excellent faculty and resources for this purpose. At the same time, don't miss the chance to participate in societies, competitions, and other events, as these will help you grow holistically. However, it's essential to avoid overwhelming yourself by overcommitting to too many activities. Instead, select a few that genuinely interest you and align with your long-term goals. This approach will ensure that you graduate not just with a degree but with a well-rounded personality, ready to take on future challenges.*





# Mr. Pranav Khosla

*Pranav Khosla, 2021-24  
BA Hons Political Science  
Currently pursuing LLB from  
University of Delhi*



*The three years that I spent at Ram Lal Anand College were some of the best years of my life and played an instrumental role in shaping the direction of my future and career. I pursued a BA (Hons) in Political Science, which provided a solid foundation and helped me understand complex political ideologies, international relations, and various theories of governance. However, it was the engagements I had with my friends and professors beyond the textbooks and the prescribed curriculum that had an even more lasting impact. I remember staying in college even after our classes were over to discuss the latest election results and political happenings taking place all over the world. Our professors encouraged critical thinking and analysis of issues from various perspectives—skills that have become fundamental not only to my professional but also to my personal growth. Beyond the academic curriculum, the professors created an environment that encouraged independent thinking and intellectual curiosity. The diverse range of ideas I was exposed to during lectures and discussions at RLAC pushed me to question assumptions and develop a more nuanced view of the world. Beyond academics, RLAC's extracurricular environment also played a pivotal role in my growth. My involvement in the National Service Scheme (NSS) taught me the importance of social responsibility and community service, nurturing a sense of empathy and a drive to give back to society. On the other hand, my participation in the Quiz Society (Quru) sharpened my ability to think quickly under pressure and broadened my knowledge base. Being a part of the Statecraft Society, the departmental society for Political Science, provided me with valuable opportunities to engage in political discourse, organise events, and participate in debates and discussions. This experience helped me gradually improve my analytical thinking, leadership, and organisational skills while encouraging me to learn from others and grow both personally and academically.*

*For current and future RLAC students, my key advice is to embrace opportunities outside the classroom as much as those within it. While academic success is important, it's the extracurricular involvement, college societies, and internships that will shape your critical thinking, teamwork, and leadership abilities. Participate in as many activities as possible—whether it's volunteering with NSS, joining a society like Statecraft, or entering quizzes. One of the most valuable lessons I learned during my time at RLAC was the importance of engaging with people who hold different opinions. Don't shy away from conversations with those who challenge your beliefs; instead, seek out such interactions as opportunities for growth. Additionally, take the time to build meaningful relationships with your peers and professors. College is not just a place for academic growth; it's a space for personal development, and the people you meet will have a significant impact on your future.*

# Ms. Azra Fayaz

Azra Fayaz (2021-24)  
B. Sc. Hons Microbiology



*Attending Ram Lal Anand College was a transformative phase in my life, and it was important to make the most of every moment. While academics are a vital part of this journey, I believe that being actively involved in college societies and initiatives is equally significant. These activities not only shaped my character but also prepared me for the challenges of the corporate world. I was part of several college societies, and those experiences strengthened my resume and gave me valuable skills that textbooks alone could not offer.*

*Balancing academics and extracurricular activities taught me time management like nothing else could. I learned how to prioritize tasks, juggle deadlines, and still give your best to both your studies and society work. These experiences, where you're pulled in different directions, help you understand how to function efficiently under pressure. Whether you're organizing a college fest or managing a small seminar, you learn to think on your feet and find solutions to unexpected challenges. This skill is indispensable in professional life, where meeting deadlines and managing crises is a daily affair.*

*One thing I always kept in mind was to contribute in a way that left a mark on the college. Whether it was organizing events, helping in administrative tasks, or working on projects that benefited the student community, my goal was to give back to the institution that was shaping my future. By working for the betterment of the college, you not only help others but also build meaningful relationships with your professors and peers. Your dedication and contributions will stand out, and your professors will remember you long after you've graduated. To current students, my advice is simple: don't waste a single hour of your college journey. Seize every opportunity, whether it's inside the classroom or outside it. Engage in societies, take on responsibilities, and work towards making a positive impact on your college. Not only will you be remembered for your contributions, but the skills and experiences you gain will prove invaluable when you step into the competitive world. College is your chance to explore, grow, and create a lasting legacy—make the most of it.*



# Ms. Anjali

अंजलि, 2019-22  
बीए हिंदी ऑनर्स



आरएलए कॉलेज से मैंने शिक्षा प्राप्त की है बहुत सी अच्छी बातें सीखने को मिली है जानने को मिली है, हमारे अध्यापक बहुत अच्छे हैं, किसी भी समस्या के लिए वह सदैव हमारे साथ रहते थे, छोटी सी छोटी समस्या का भी समाधान उनके पास था।

आरएलए कॉलेज का जो वातावरण था वह बहुत ही सकारात्मक था। पहले मुझे स्टेज पर कुछ बोलने में हिचकीचाहत होती थी मैंने सोसाइटियों की गतिविधियों में भाग लेना शुरू किया जिससे मेरा व्यक्तित्व निखर कर सामने आया है।

अब मुझे किसी के सामने अपने आप को प्रस्तुत करने में कोई समस्या नहीं होती है।

मेरे अनुसार आज की जो छात्र-छात्रा हैं मैं उनसे बस यही कहना चाहती हूँ कि आप जितना हो सके कॉलेज के वातावरण में खुलकर रहे हैं और हर सोसाइटी में जुड़ने की कोशिश कीजिए जितने भी कार्यक्रम होते हैं।

आप उनसे जुड़े उसे कार्यक्रम का आनंद लीजिए उसे समझे, इससे आपके व्यक्तित्व में निखार आएगा।

# Ms. Shweta Kumari

श्वेता कुमारी  
बीए हिंदी ऑनर्स



सर्वप्रथम मैं आर.एल.ए. कॉलेज के सभी अध्यापकों को धन्यवाद देना चाहती हूँ। आरएलए कॉलेज से मुझे बहुत सी बातें, जानकारी, अपने आप को बदलते देखना यह सब मिला। मैं बहुत ही शांत रहने वाली लड़की थी, पर जब मैं आरएलए कॉलेज गई और कॉलेज के प्रथम दिन ही मेरी मुलाकात (अध्यापक) सुरेंद्र कुमार सर जी से हुई। पहली ही कक्षा में परिचय पूछा गया मेरे से, मुझे बोलने में झिझक होती थी, पर सर के प्रोत्साहन से मैं इस झिझक को खत्म कर पाई! आर.एल.ए.कॉलेज में मेरी शिक्षा की यह अच्छी बात थी की मैं कक्षा के साथ- साथ ही अपने नोट्स तैयार करती थी जिसकी वजह से मुझे परिक्षा में नोट्स नहीं बनाने पड़ते थे और इस सब के लिए मैं अपने के लिए मैं अपने अध्यापक सुरेंद्र कुमार सर जी, अध्यापक मानवेश नाथ दास सर जी, अध्यापिका नीलम ऋषिकल्प मैडम जी और भी अध्यापक है जिनका नाम नहीं लिखा है इन सभी अध्यापकों का साथ और प्यार के लिए मैं बहुत बहुत धन्यवाद करना चाहती हूँ! और यही नोट्स मेरे भविष्य में एम. ए. की पढ़ाई करते समय उपयोग में आये। आरएलए कॉलेज के समग्र वातावरण से मेरे व्यक्तित्व को एक अच्छे और होशियार लीडर के रूप में बेहतर बनाया। मैं अभिव्यक्ति (creative) राइटिंग सोसाइटी में सचिव (Secretary) के पद पर थी! और इस सोसाइटी की वजह से मुझ में हिम्मत और स्टेज पर जा कर ओपन माईक प्रतियोगिता (competition) में भाग लेने को प्रोत्साहन भी मिला! नई नई चीजें सीखीं जैसे कविताएँ लिखना, पोस्टर बनाना, पोस्टर डिज़ाइन करना आदि!

कॉलेज की तरफ से फ्री ट्रांसलेशन क्लास भी चली तकरिबन एक महीने के लिए और इस क्लास में से 5 बच्चों का चयन किया गया इंटरनशिप के लिए, उन पाँच बच्चों में से एक मेरा नाम भी था मैं बहुत ही खुश नसीब हूँ की मुझे ये अवसर मिला, कॉलेज के प्रोस्पेक्ट्स को हिंदी में ट्रांसलेट भी किया! मैं एन.सी.सी.की एयर विंग की कैडेट भी रह चुकी हूँ और इसके लिए मुझे मेरे अध्यापकों का प्रोत्साहन भी मिला! मेरे अनुसार, आज के छात्रों को कॉलेज जीवन में अध्यापकों की बातें और जो कार्य वो देते हैं उन्हें आना चाहिए। मैंने कुछ छात्रों को अध्यापकों से बदतमीजी करता देखा है और वो एक एन.सी.सी. का कैडेट था, फिमेल अध्यापिका के साथ बदतमीजी से बात कर रहा था! अध्यापकों का सम्मान करें और सोसाइटीज में जुड़ कर अपने व्यक्तित्व को बेहतर बनाए! मेरी ग्रेजुएशन की पढ़ाई के बाद भी अध्यापिका नीलम ऋषिकल्प मैडम जी ने मेरे एम.ए. की पढ़ाई में बहुत मदद करी और उन्होंने मुझे एक स्टूडेंट की तरह ही नहीं एक बेटी की तरह पढ़ाया और सारी किताबों का इंतज़ाम भी करवाया! बहुत बहुत धन्यवाद मैडम जी!



# Mr. Avinash Chandra

*Avinash Chandra*

*B.Sc. Hons Geology 2015-18  
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*Avinash Chandra B.Sc. Hons Geology 2015-18 Exploration Geologist , IRH, ABU DHABI ,UAE Geology, as a discipline, provides a unique lens through which we can understand Earth's past, manage its resources, and shape a sustainable future. Studying Geology at Ram Lal Anand (RLA) College from 2015 to 2018 laid the groundwork for my professional journey in ways I never anticipated. The Geology Department at RLA offered a nurturing environment for learning and discovery, making it an ideal setting for building a strong foundation in both theoretical knowledge and practical skills. The rigorous academic framework, combined with fieldwork and laboratory experience, prepared me for a fulfilling career in exploration geology and opened doors to various sectors, including mining, environmental assessment, and resource management. I am immensely grateful to the dedicated faculty in the Geology Department, their guidance, mentorship, and passion for the subject provided not only technical knowledge but also the critical thinking and problem-solving skills essential for a career in geology. Dr. Joshi's exploration geology classes, in particular, inspired me to pursue this field professionally. With the support of Sunil and the dedicated lab staff, I received hands-on training with essential equipment and learned valuable skills for real-world applications. This foundation has been invaluable in my role as an exploration geologist ,Project Management and Mergers and Acquisitions department with International Resource Holdings (IRH) in Abu Dhabi, UAE, where I now apply the knowledge and skills I first gained at RLA. Beyond academics, the supportive environment at RLA College enriched my college life in countless ways. As sports secretary, I had the opportunity to lead and participate in various athletic activities, helping me develop resilience and leadership skills. The library became a second home, where I spent hours exploring topics like mineral formation, resource geology, and sustainability. Despite infrastructural challenges, the faculty's dedication and the campus's vibrant spirit fostered a strong sense of community that encouraged both personal and professional growth.*

*To current and future students, my advice is to make the most of RLA's resources and choose your areas of focus wisely. Geology is a vast field, with career paths in mineral exploration, environmental consulting, geotechnical engineering, and beyond. Today's emphasis on critical mineral exploration for renewable energy technologies—such as lithium, graphite, and rare earth elements—has made expertise in geology more crucial than ever. A solid foundation in mathematics, physics, and chemistry will be essential, especially for those pursuing careers in exploration or mining geosciences. Areas like economic geology, hydrology, structural geology, and environmental assessment hold promising potential in a world that increasingly depends on sustainable resource development. RLA College has been instrumental in shaping my professional journey, and I am deeply thankful to the entire RLA community—faculty, staff, and my fellow students. From the encouragement provided by mentors to the lively campus atmosphere and supportive amenities like the photocopy shop and canteen, every aspect contributed to my success. For those considering careers in geology, remember that this field can lead you to fascinating places, whether it's conducting field exploration in remote regions or engaging in cutting-edge research to address global challenges. Embrace this journey, stay curious, and use your skills to make a positive impact on our world.*

# Dr. Gargi Rai

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*I am Dr. Gargi Rai, currently working as a Senior Geologist at Geological Survey of India, Central Geological Services, Ministry of Mines (GoI). Like many others, I also had an urge to know and experience the opportunities of the outside world when I was just a school student. Being a nature enthusiast, I chose Geology as a career after finishing higher secondary. In 2006, I enrolled in the esteemed Ram Lal Anand (RLA) College, University of Delhi. I gained confidence to attempt new things during the initial months of my enrolment at RLA College by developing a sense of self that helped me figure out who I am and where I fit in the world. The curriculum and program of study, set by the faculty for the three-year B.Sc. (Hons.) course, were thoughtfully organised which enabled a deeper understanding of the Earth's systems. For becoming a field Geologist, the requisite practical skills were imparted through numerous field excursions planned by the college, which turned out to be the most effective practices for all of us in our geological careers. Acquiring knowledge in the field coupled with hands-on experience in well-equipped laboratories viz., Petrology, Palaeontology and Computer lab. in RLA College assisted us in deepening our understanding of the subject. RLA College vigorously encouraged participation in extracurricular activities like sports, cultural events and students' societies and clubs, which are essential for comprehensive education. To us, it offered chances to cultivate abilities outside of the academic sphere, including collaboration, leadership, and effective time management.*

*These pursuits enabled us to pursue our interests, enhance our self-esteem and foster social relationships in our career. College is a unique experience that one will never get to have again. My suggestions to all the current students of RLA College would be to get involved, try new activities, join clubs, and attend student events to meet other students and learn from different perspectives and make memories. While you are in such a reputed college, you can learn to adapt to a new environment and be exposed to people from different backgrounds. With such experienced faculty at RLA College, apart from your regular program and curriculum, try learning skills like communication, teamwork, critical thinking, and problem solving. Take elective courses that are relevant to your career goals. Keep schedules, assignments, and due dates organised to use your time wisely. Dreams do come true, so set realistic goals that align with your strengths and ambitions and always strive hard to achieve them. Do not just wait for opportunities to come to you, create your own.*



# Ms. Neety Nagi

*Neety Nagi*  
*B. Sc. (Hons) Geology*  
*Batch: 2009-2012*



*Ram Lal Anand College, my alma mater is very close to my heart as it has led me to the path which I would have never imagined 15 years ago. The holistic approach of the faculty to teach each and every subject in a comprehensive manner, the field exposures, the outdoor classes to break the monotony and the interesting practical classes made me develop a keen interest in the subject. Not only the permanent faculty but even the adhoc faculty for the subsidiary subjects were perfectly chosen to impart the best knowledge to the students. The accessibility to library & the teachers even during non-college hours were of great help.*

*The sessions from the alumnus helped me know more about the career opportunities and the path to follow. I was an avid learner and very inquisitive by nature. However, the teachers never got annoyed and were always ready for any help. Their constant guidance, support and encouragement till date, is unparalleled for which I shall always be grateful to them and RLA. Though I was never a part of any extra-curricular group in the college, however, my subject, Geology had a variety in itself. A specific part of the course was the yearly field visit. They were an opportunity to learn beyond textbooks and explore different parts of India. Field visits used to be the best part of the year both in terms of deeper learning as well as a mode of rejuvenation. Also, fellow classmates from different regions of India helped me know more about their culture.*

*The yearly cultural fests used to be fun and it showcased how talented one could be. On personal front, I feel I became more confident pre and post-graduation from RLA. College is not only a place where one comes for education. Infact, it is an institution which shapes a person holistically. One should be open to take insights from anything and everything.*

*Be a part of at least one society, which I unfortunately missed out. Hobbies keeps your mind healthy and concentrate more. Don't confine yourself to just one subject, meet and interact students from different courses. Learn about different cultures to understand the diversity of India. Participate in the cultural fests. Make the best use of everyday you visit to college.*

# Solomon Douglas Jala

*Solomon Douglas Jala*  
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My time at RLA College significantly shaped my future in several ways. Firstly, the strong emphasis on Geology provided me with a solid foundation of knowledge and critical thinking skills. The professors, particularly Professor Prabbas Pande and Sarbari Nag in the Geology Department, were instrumental in fostering my interest in the subject and encouraging me to delve deeper. Their challenging curriculum and field trips pushed me to excel and prepared me well for the demands of geological exploration and research. Secondly, the curriculum at RLA went beyond just textbooks. The structural geology and sedimentology courses, in particular, allowed me to apply theoretical knowledge to real-world scenarios, developing valuable problem-solving and analytical skills. These experiences proved invaluable when I began my career at ONGC. The overall environment at RLA College played a crucial role in my personal growth. The vibrant campus life provided me with numerous opportunities to explore my interests beyond academics. Participating in the field trips allowed me to develop strong teamwork, communication, and leadership skills. These experiences not only fostered lifelong friendships but also instilled in me a sense of confidence and the ability to work effectively in diverse teams.

To current RLA students, I offer the following pieces of advice:

\* Embrace the academic rigor: RLA provides a challenging and enriching academic environment. Don't shy away from difficult courses like Crystallography and Geochemistry- they often provide the most valuable learning experiences.

\* Step outside your comfort zone: Explore extracurricular activities and societies that pique your interest like taking part in Association of Petroleum Geologists Regional Competitions. These experiences will help you discover new passions, develop essential life skills, and build a strong network.

\* Learn from your professors: RLA boasts a talented faculty with a wealth of knowledge and experience. Don't hesitate to seek out their guidance and mentorship.

\* Make the most of campus life: Engage with your peers, participate in events, and soak up the vibrant campus atmosphere. These are the experiences you'll cherish most after graduation.

My time at RLA College was an enriching and transformative experience. The college not only equipped me with the knowledge and skills for my career but also helped me develop as a well-rounded individual. I encourage current students to make the most of their time at RLA and embrace the opportunities it offers. I am currently working on various projects related to reservoir characterization, brown field development and reserve accretion. The strong foundation in geology and field experience gained at RLA have been instrumental in my success at ONGC. I am able to effectively apply the theoretical knowledge and practical skills I acquired during my time at RLA to address complex geological challenges and contribute to the company's goals.



# Mr. Maniraj Singh Kohli

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2018-21, BA Hons Political Science



*A college is an institution that has a huge role in shaping a student's life. College education is very different from school education as it opens up a plethora of opportunities and experiences that are usually not available in school education. College life brings with it a sense of independence where a student is not in a regulated and protected environment but is exposed to different cultures and people. A college is usually a melting pot where students hailing from different cultures and states come under one roof to attain education. Ram Lal Anand College is a very different college in terms of its overall ambience, its faculty and its culture as compared to its contemporaries. One feels connected to the faculty from the first lecture, the ambience of the campus is inviting and cozy and the culture of the faculty and the management is very open towards the students. One can easily approach the administration and faculty. Education at Ram Lal Anand College was not only based on books and lectures but also included interactive debates on topics of significance, lectures by eminent speakers accompanied with discussions between students and the speakers. Our professors organised certificate courses, programmes and learning sessions so that we could gain a multi-faceted perspective of the topics we were studying in class, all this made studying and imbibing topics easier. Attaining education at Ram Lal Anand College was a blessing, mainly because of our friendly professors and administration. My batch saw the transition of classes, from being in physical mode to going online. The 'COVID phase', which came as an obstacle to the functioning of almost all industries and institutions, did not stop our faculty from carrying on arranging seminars, certificate courses and extra-curriculars for the students.*

*Our professors organised unique programmes such as Faculty Development Programme (FDP) which gave students in the organising team a great experience of organising a large-scale programme and honing team building and leadership qualities. Various certificate courses were arranged by our professors which again gave students in the organising team to gain skills of arranging and collating material for the certificate courses. It also gave the students participating in the course to attain additional knowledge and earn certificates in their own institutions. Such programmes made students gain more skills such as hosting/anchoring events, organising events, managing people, following timelines, dealing with new and diverse problems, gaining skills to work and organise big events remotely, preparing reports, etc. Such experiences helped students gain skills that would help them in their future endeavours. I was fortunate to have been a part of the organising team of several certificate courses and two FDPs and working with my professors to organise other events. I have felt that the skills I have gained by my involvement in these programmes have helped me become more confident with taking bigger responsibilities and in improving my knowhow. My advice to new students would be to create a bond with the professors and take part in extra-curriculars. Our professors have been very friendly and have been pillars of support. Taking part in programmes organised by them will help the students gain different perspectives towards identifying and solving problems. College life is a very special time in one's life as it is a time when we gain freedom with new and greater responsibilities as compared to school life, but are still free in comparison to adulthood.*

# Ms. Ishita Goel

*Ishita Goel*

*B.Com (Hons.) 2021-2024*



*My education at Ram Lal Anand College has profoundly shaped my future by fostering both academic rigor and personal development. The diverse curriculum not only provided a strong foundation in my field of study (Commerce) but also encouraged critical thinking and problem-solving skills that are essential in any career. Engaging with professors who were both knowledgeable and approachable helped create a learning environment where I felt encouraged to explore my interests deeply. Additionally, participating in various projects and seminars allowed me to apply theoretical knowledge in practical settings, giving me a competitive edge in the job market.*

*The overall environment at Ram Lal Anand College was instrumental in my personal growth. The college offered a vibrant array of extracurricular activities, from cultural festivals to academic societies, which enriched my college experience. Being part of student-led organisations taught me invaluable skills in leadership, teamwork, and communication. From working as a member to organising a full fledged fest, from being a member to leading a department, these experiences not only helped me forge lasting friendships but also expanded my worldview by exposing me to diverse perspectives and ideas. Life beyond the classroom, including workshops and community service initiatives, further enhanced my sense of responsibility and social awareness, shaping me into a more well-rounded individual.*

*For current students at Ram Lal Anand College, my key advice would be to actively seek out opportunities beyond academics. Get involved in clubs and societies that pique your interest; these experiences can be as valuable as your coursework. Don't hesitate to network with faculty and peers, as these connections can lead to mentorships and career opportunities. Finally, make time for self-reflection and personal projects; this is a crucial period for discovering your passions and honing your skills. Embrace every moment, as the experiences and relationships you cultivate during this time will have a lasting impact on your personal and professional journey.*



# Mr. Vaibhav Garg

*Vaibhav Garg*  
*B.Com Hons*



*My journey from RLA College to pursuing a Master's in Accounting at Drexel University in the United States has been marked by significant milestones, and I am deeply grateful for the foundation RLA provided. The education and mentorship I received here played an essential role in preparing me for a successful career in public accounting, where I've had the privilege of working with leading firms like KPMG and RSM, accumulating 4-5 years of audit experience. RLA College has been instrumental in shaping both my professional path and personal growth, and I know that my journey is still unfolding, with so much more to achieve. At RLA, the faculty, especially Ms. Ritu Vats, were incredibly supportive, offering guidance that extended beyond academics. Ms. Vats, in particular, was a mentor who helped shape my ambitions and provided insightful advice that steered me toward my current path. The faculty here fostered a healthy learning environment that encouraged curiosity and development. The college's strong emphasis on experiential learning, from clubs and societies to hands-on projects, was also transformative. As a member of the Commerce Society, I had the chance to take on leadership roles, organizing events and securing sponsorships, which gave me invaluable exposure to people management, teamwork, time management, and strategic planning. These skills were instrumental in building my confidence and readiness for the corporate world.*

*Beyond academics, RLA offered a vibrant environment for personal development. As part of the NSS, I engaged in social initiatives like cleanliness drives, which fostered a sense of responsibility toward society and the environment. Through these experiences, I learned that education goes beyond the classroom, encompassing our contributions to our community and the relationships we build along the way. To current RLA students, I would say: make the most of this time. Engage fully, not just in your studies but in all the experiences that college life offers. Join societies and clubs that resonate with your interests, cultivate relationships that will last, and don't hesitate to explore new opportunities. Step out of your comfort zone, pursue your passions, and be unapologetically yourself. These years are formative, and RLA provides a fertile ground for you to grow both personally and professionally. Looking back, I am immensely thankful to RLA College for setting me on the path to where I am today—and I look forward to seeing where it will lead me next.*

# Ms. Anuj Choudhary

*Anuj Choudhary*

*BA Hons Political Science 2021-24  
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*It's very difficult to summarise the vast diverse amount of experience that I have been able to immerse myself into in the past three years and highlight certain specific moments. However, the Department of Political Science at Ram Lal Anand college in various ways has been able to leave a imprint on my the course of my intellectual journey. From the engaging discussions in Dr. Alankar's classes to understanding Public Administration and Policy through the wise experience of Dr. Triranjana and Dr. Nidhi. There have been various classes and assignments that have led me to examine society and politics in critical ways not just for academic purposes but even in the introspection of the real world. The challenging assignments leading us to storm different subject areas for research and how to question learnings in a critical writing style. One particular aspect that I thought was really important was the elective, they really helped me explore dimensions of a discipline making it truly inter disciplinary and that is continuing to be reflected in my current post graduate programme and I am immensely grateful to the faculty of RLAC for that. Apart from the academic societies and various other groups play a huge role in your college life. RLAC has some amazing societies that allow you to challenge yourself and discover new talents and hidden potentials. My time at the events of various societies, be it the English debating society's MUN or the various quizzes held by other societies, they have created some of the best memories of college life and also taught me the value of skills like collaboration, team work and working under deadlines.*

*All of this might sound cliché but the reality is that its only after we leave the safe passages of the campus and the dear professors that we realise the importance of such goals. Another benefit is that it often brings a new change to your otherwise monotonous routine of classes and papers, and once in a while a chance to skip classes and also get attendance. RLA college brought a variety of experiences and learning that I will always be thankful for. However, very often in our fun and eventful college life, we steer away from one fact that is the end goal. Having confusions and lack of clarity is good and this is where RLA steps in like no other college. Utilise the mentor-mentee sessions to the fullest, because they have been of the utmost help to me, while often ignored by others. Reach out to them and bug them with the smallest of your doubts about life and trust me more often that not you will have numerous answers. I wish you all the best for this journey.*



# Mr. Nitin Khandelwal

*Nitin Khandelwal*  
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*As I sit down to reflect on my three transformative years at RLA College, I am filled with gratitude and nostalgia. My journey began after completing my senior secondary education, where I initially aspired to join ISI Kolkata for statistics. However, despite my efforts, I was not accepted. It was during this time that my math teacher, Mr. H. P. Arya, inspired me with tales of the geology and geophysics students at ISM Dhanbad. Intrigued by the field's connection to nature and the prospect of field visits, I decided to apply for Geology at Delhi University and was thrilled to secure a spot in RLA College through the second admission list. Stepping into RLA was like embarking on a new adventure. Surrounded by a diverse group of students from various cultures and languages, I found myself in a vibrant academic community. Transitioning from a Hindi medium background to an entirely English medium environment was daunting at first. I felt like I was starting from scratch, grappling with unfamiliar concepts and terminology. However, with encouragement from my peers and guidance from my professors, I began to adapt. I made a conscious effort to improve my English through reading newspapers, watching films, and engaging in conversations with friends. The curriculum was both challenging and exhilarating. I immersed myself in subjects like mineralogy and petrology, fascinated by the intricate history of our planet. Each lecture opened new windows of understanding about geological processes and Earth's systems. My professors, although limited in number, were dedicated and brought a wealth of knowledge to the classroom. They often invited guest lecturers from various industries, enriching our learning experience. Beyond academics, the friendships I forged during these years were invaluable. My classmates hailed from different parts of India, including Delhi, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and Bihar, each contributing unique perspectives to our discussions. We supported each other through challenges, including preparing for the IIT JAM exam. Our collaborative study sessions, where we shared resources and tackled difficult questions, were crucial for our personal and professional development. Field trips to locations like Mussoorie, Nainital, and Naban were highlights of my college life. These experiences allowed us to apply our theoretical knowledge in real-world settings, enhancing our practical skills. The camaraderie we developed during these outings strengthened our bonds and made the learning process enjoyable. I recall leading field training sessions for juniors, relishing the opportunity to share what I had learned and help others grow.*

*Even years after graduating, returning to RLA evokes a deep sense of belonging. I cherish memories of simple joys, like enjoying samosas and chai in the canteen or spending late hours in the laboratory. The connections I built with faculty and fellow students have had a lasting impact on my career and personal growth. To current and future students of RLA College, I offer this piece of advice: embrace every opportunity to learn, both academically and personally. Dedicate yourself to gaining practical experience and be open to collaborating with your peers. Share your knowledge and support each other; the bonds you create will be instrumental in your journey. College is not just about acquiring knowledge; it's about shaping your future, and I assure you, every moment spent at RLA will be worth it. May you all find success and fulfillment in your endeavors.*